

FAMOUS CHINESE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOPPING

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Under the direction of your tour guide, you will have numerous shopping opportunities while in-country. Listed below are a handful of the various potential locations and it is **important to note that these are only samples of the more prominent options and subject to be modified during your in-city visits.**

Beijing

- **Jade Factory:** China is rich in its jade resource, therefore jade and its cultural impact to the Chinese people and later to the Asians has been historical. Tourists will get a chance to visit Beijing's Jade Carving Factory which so far is the biggest jade collection in China. Tourists will find thousands of precious jade, jadeites and handmade jade carvings, the raw material of which come from the northeast and Silk Road area of China.
- **Pearl Farm:** The pearl shop in Beijing has been exhibiting a rich variety of locally produced sea pearls and fresh water pearls due to both historical reasons and the modern market. Among them, the king and queen size pearls are really of precious quality. The type of Pearl Powder on sale was first contributed to the Qing Dynasty Royal Family as a cosmetic, and they can be found here too.
- **Ming and Qing Dynasty Furniture:** It is an Ancient Furniture Fair. Apart from the antique furniture, there is also a lot of newly made furniture of Ming and Qing Dynasty style to be found in the fair. Shipment is available.
- **Cloisonné Factory:** Developed in Beijing 300 years ago, cloisonné is a kind of handmade arts and crafts article used a great deal by royal families and rich families in the past. Now it is popular with everybody. Tourists will have a chance to visit the workshop and see how the beautiful articles have been made with their own eyes. The gorgeous design, hand-made workmanship and many styles make cloisonné articles really attractive to both domestic and overseas tourists.

Suzhou

- **Suzhou Embroidery Institute:** It is a state owned handicraft research institute. Among the products, the hand-made double-sided embroidery articles of vivid pets and flowers are really gorgeous.
- **Suzhou Silk Factory:** The factory produces one fifth of the country's silk products. The model show of the factory with its beautifully designed silk clothes makes it a real attraction to tourists. Silk quilts of different sizes are specially produced for sale here.

Hangzhou

- **Hangzhou Dragon Well Tea Farm:** The Dragon Well Tea planted in this village was once only distributed to the Chinese Royal Family. It is a famous brand of tea in China. Through viewing the Tea Farm and the tea lecture given by the local farmer, tourists will find the stay both enjoyable and healthy.

Shanghai

- **Shanghai Carpet Mill:** Super quality silk tapestries of all kinds and sizes are produced in Shanghai Carpet Factory. The hand-made silk tapestries of 400 to 600 knots per-square-inch are precious merchandises.